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I. INTRODUCTION

This past year marked historic progress in the evolution of the Illinois Green Governments Coordinating Council. Though the Council was originally formed by Executive Order in 2000, the enactment of the Green Governments Illinois Act (20 ILCS 3954) in the fall of 2007 formally established the Council in Illinois statute.

With the enactment of the Green Governments Illinois Act, the Council grew in membership and authority. Chaired by Lt. Governor Pat Quinn and comprised of 14 state agency members, the Council seeks to “integrate more fully into the ongoing management systems, long-range planning, and daily operations of State agencies a number of cost-effective environmental sustainability measures that enhance health and safety, reduce the consumption of energy and fuels, conserve water, minimize emissions and reduce solid and hazardous wastes.” (20 ILCS 3954/10)

The Council is proud to publish this fourth annual report. It highlights green initiatives and sustainability successes achieved by its members and by constitutional offices, state agencies, boards, commissions, and educational institutions throughout Illinois. These impressive efforts, under the leadership and guidance of the Council, demonstrate the state’s commitment to greening Illinois operations and policies this year and in future years.

For the first time this year, the Council instituted an entirely paperless, Web-based application for sustainability planning and reporting. Accessible from the Council’s Web site, www.GreenSolutions.il.gov, the application, known as *Go Green Planning Pro*, leads agencies step-by-step in assessing their current environmental impacts; developing goals, objectives, measures and strategies to reduce those impacts; and reporting on progress toward accomplishing those objectives.

Go Green Planning Pro also enabled the Council to capture quantitative data on agencies’ resource consumption for the first time. Agencies conducted self-assessments of their environmental practices, reporting key metrics to the Council for tracking purposes. On the following pages, graphs illustrate agencies’ baseline performance across these metrics, current as of May 2008. The Council will continue to capture the same data each year to allow analyses of performance trends over time.

BY THE NUMBERS

Participation in the Council’s Sustainable University Compact has nearly doubled from this time last year, now boasting 47 institutions, including 9 state universities, 16 private universities, and 22 community colleges.

In January 2008, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn announced the launch of a parallel program for Illinois K-12 schools: the Sustainable Schools Compact. In just eight months, 106 individual schools and school districts have stepped up to sign the compact. Both compacts challenge members to implement up to 12 sustainability programs on campus by 2010.

Sustainability assessment, planning, and reporting cover six operational areas that reach across the key opportunities for greening state operations and policies:

- *Office Operations* - Document production and distribution, communications, and recycling;
- *Purchasing of Goods and Services* - Procurement of paper, office supplies and electronics;
- *Transportation* - Vehicle use and maintenance, conventional and alternative fuel consumption, and use of transportation alternatives including remote conferencing;
- *Facilities Management* - Energy efficiency, water conservation, green cleaning, integrated pest management, stormwater retention, and natural landscaping;
- *Construction and Renovation* - Green building certification (e.g., LEED), cool roofs, renewable energy systems, green construction materials, and demolition recycling; and
- *Education and Outreach* - Employee education and awareness, Green Team communication and activities, contests, and awards programs.

While *Go Green Planning Pro* serves to assist state agencies in meeting the requirements of the Green Governments Illinois Act, it is also available as a tool to guide other institutions—particularly universities, colleges, schools, and local governments—in formalizing their own sustainability plans. The Council is pleased to report strong participation and ever-increasing interest from these additional institutions.

The Council's annual sustainable symposium series—including the summer Sustainable University Symposium, fall Sustainable Cities Symposium and winter Sustainable Government Symposium—drew record attendance this year, with a combined total of nearly 600 participants hailing from all corners of Illinois. The Council and Lt. Governor Pat Quinn's office are also very excited to announce the addition of a fourth symposium slated for the spring of 2009: the Sustainable Schools Symposium, geared toward primary and secondary school administrators, teachers, and advocates.

In one of the Council's greatest accomplishments this past year, it spearheaded the implementation of the Green Cleaning Schools Act (105 ILCS 140), which became effective in August 2007. The act tasked the Council with establishing a set of green cleaning guidelines and specifications, developed in consultation with various state agencies and interested stakeholders.

Thanks to Council members' hard work, the extensive knowledge of several outside experts, and generous contributions of time and effort from many industry and advocacy partners, green cleaning guidelines are now in effect for the 2008–2009 school year. These policies, which require the purchase and use of environmentally sensitive cleaning products, serve to protect students, staff, and teachers from unnecessary exposure to toxic chemicals in all Illinois K–12 schools. This is a great stride for our state and for the health and safety of its residents.

Serving as Chairman of the Council, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn and his office's staff coordinated a number of cornerstone initiatives on behalf of the Council this year. Last December, Lt. Governor Quinn paid tribute to

seven state agencies with Green Government Awards for their exemplary sustainability practices. He also honored 23 Illinois residents, schools, and organizations with Environmental Hero Awards. These awards recognize leaders who act as role models throughout their communities and across the state, helping other residents, businesses, and institutions to make their own practices more environmentally friendly.

In addition to planning the symposium series and managing the compact programs, Lt. Governor Quinn's office orchestrated the launch of plastic recycling—for the first time ever—at this year's Illinois State Fair. The Lt. Governor's staff also worked closely with representatives from Central Management Services, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to highlight the Council's programs and initiatives in displays at two major expos in the Chicago area: The Green Festival, which drew about 35,000 attendees, and The Green Procurement Expo, which attracted purchasing officers from a wide variety of institutions.

As the Council looks to the year ahead, it will continue to focus on improving state operations and policies to cost-effectively conserve resources including paper, electricity, water, and fuel. Council agencies have critical roles in carrying out Illinois' legislative mandates on environmental issues such as the renewable portfolio standard, the energy efficiency standard, ENERGY STAR® lighting, mercury disposal, and green building. Through continued attention to these priorities—and ongoing collaboration with our partners in state agencies, educational institutions, and local governments—the Council aims to make next year, and each coming year, even greener than the last.

SPOTLIGHT

Reuse and Recycle for a Good Cause

In celebration of America Recycles Day on November 15, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn launched a cell phone recycling drive at the state offices. The Lt. Governor's Office and the Green Governments Coordinating Council partnered with Verizon Wireless HopeLine, which collects used cell phones and accessories for victims of domestic violence.

The recycling drive brought in 135 used cell phones and 121 chargers that were restored and wiped clean of all data so that victims of domestic abuse will have a literal lifeline to communicate with family and set up job interviews. Phones that could not be restored were recycled in an environmentally sound way.

II. REPORTING AGENCIES

The following agencies completed at least one section of the Green Governments Coordinating Council sustainability planning and reporting requirements for fiscal year 2008. Council Member agencies are listed in *bold italics*.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES

Office of the Attorney General
Office of the Auditor General
Office of the Comptroller
Office of the Lt. Governor (Chair)
Office of the Secretary of State

STATE AGENCIES

Arts Council
Department of Agriculture
Department of Central Management Services
Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
Department of Corrections
Department of Employment Security
Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Department of Human Rights
Department of Human Services
Department of Labor
Department of Military Affairs
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Public Health
Department of Revenue
Department of Transportation
Department of Veterans Affairs
Department on Aging
Emergency Management Agency
Environmental Protection Agency
Historic Preservation Agency
Illinois State Police
Office of Appellate Defender
Office of Appellate Prosecutor
Office of Management and Budget
State Fire Marshal
State Retirement Systems
State Universities Civil Service System

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Education
Board of Elections
Board of Higher Education
Capital Development Board
Criminal Justice Information Authority
Guardianship and Advocacy Commission
Housing Development Authority
Illinois Civil Service Commission
Illinois Commerce Commission
Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities
Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission
Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board
Illinois Finance Authority
Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board
Illinois Prisoner Review Board
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
Illinois Student Assistance Commission
Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Labor Relations Board
Pollution Control Board
Property Tax Appeal Board

DIVISIONS OF STATE AGENCIES

CMS Bureau of Communications & Computer Services
CMS Bureau of Personnel
CMS Bureau of Property Management
CMS Division of Vehicles
Illinois Gaming Board
Illinois Lottery
Lawrence Correctional Center

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Eastern Illinois University
Governors State University
Illinois State University
Northeastern Illinois University
Northern Illinois University
Rend Lake College
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Springfield
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Western Illinois University

III. AGENCIES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. OFFICE OPERATIONS

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE—AND REDESIGN

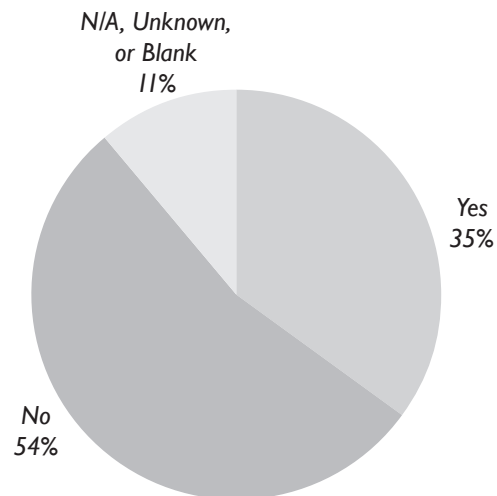
The Green Governments Coordinating Council is proud to announce that all reporting state agencies have beefed up their efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle. Agencies are printing double-sided; recycling mixed paper, plastics, batteries and ink cartridges; and significantly reducing consumption of paper products. Many agencies are moving away from paper-based systems and embracing online systems—a noteworthy shift that truly represents a redesign of office operations and policies.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity added 10 new collection points for plastic containers and aluminum cans, and an agency staff person drops off the contents each week at a local recycling center. Although the Illinois Civil Service Commission has no formal aluminum or plastic recycling program in place, employees currently take cans and plastic bottles home to include with other recyclable items for weekly municipal pick-up. Employees at the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities have also gone above and beyond by volunteering to take plastics and aluminum recycled at work to off-site recycling centers.

The Department of Revenue saw a massive response from a new battery recycling program. In less than one year, the department has nearly filled a 50-gallon trash can with alkaline, cell phone and PDA batteries. The Illinois Commerce Commission has eliminated the previously mandatory cover sheet on all print jobs, and the Department of Transportation reduced its paper consumption from 4 million to 3 million sheets, resulting in a \$42,000 savings!

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency continues to collect and recycle a host of commodities at its main office building in Springfield: white paper, mixed paper, aluminum cans, toner cartridges, fluorescent lamps and plastic bottles. At its Collinsville regional office, plastic bottle recycling is up and running as of this year. IEPA also conducted a pilot program to recycle dry cell batteries at the agency's regional office in Springfield. Over the course of the pilot, they recycled 26 alkaline, button cell, lithium and nickel-cadmium batteries. IEPA expanded the program to the Des Plaines regional office based on Springfield's success.

Have agencies set defaults for office copiers and printers to double-sided printing and black ink?



BY THE NUMBERS

On average, 86% of agencies' mass publications are available in an electronic format (average across 46 reporting agencies). In addition, agencies report receiving an average of 44% of forms via electronic submission (average across 36 reporting agencies).

LOOKING AHEAD

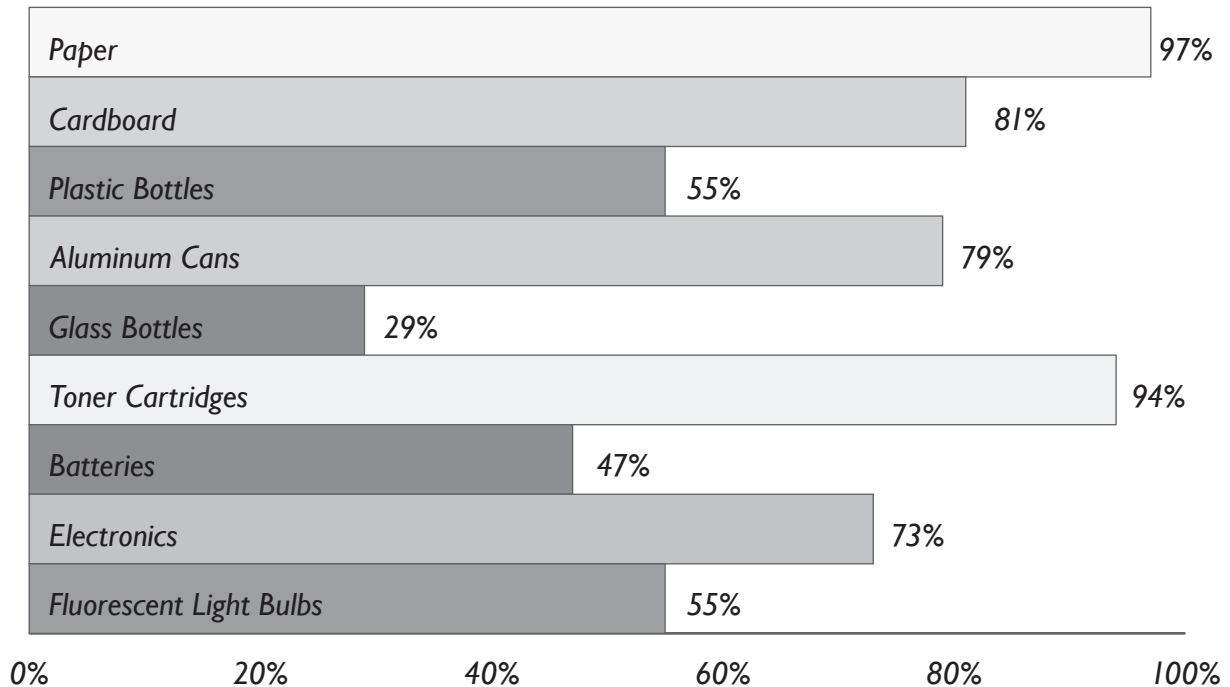
The Illinois State Board of Education has implemented a process to monitor combined usage of all printers throughout the agency. Initial data indicate the agency will be able to eliminate nearly 100 printers! The University of Illinois at Chicago has plans to implement a food composting program in collaboration with their new food service vendor, Sodexo, which has developed similar

FUN FACT

Recycling for Chickens

In the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission's Metro East office, located at the Alton Mental Health Center, there is currently no formal paper recycling program, but innovative staff members have taken the matter into their own hands. They shred the used paper and give it to a local woman who uses it as bedding for her chickens!

Percentage of agencies that recycle each material



DID YOU KNOW?

Start at the Source

Source reduction prevents waste from being generated before it's ever bound for the landfill or recycling center. The University of Illinois at Springfield's source reduction strategies include double-sided printing and copying, reusable plates and utensils in the cafeteria, printing fees in the computer labs, composting or reusing all landscape waste generated on campus, and electronic systems for ordering and student registration. Of the total solid waste that is generated on campus, UIS recycles more than 40%.

programs at other institutions. The university will give preference to on-site composting and reuse of composted materials on campus.

The UIUC Waste Transfer Station recycles or diverts 50% of campus waste. During FY08 alone, that amounted to 2,074 tons of paper and cardboard, 41 tons of aluminum cans, 625 tons of scrap metal, 21 tons of plastic, 1,300 tons of landscape waste and 325 tons of pallets.

ABOUT THAT REDESIGN

State agencies are making redesigning look easy as they make the move from paper systems to modern online

operations. Nearly all reporting agencies are using scanners to respond to inquiries and share documents among coworkers. And many have moved to sending earning statements, pay stubs and other internal employee records via e-mail.

The Department of Human Services, the Office of Appellate Prosecutor and the Illinois Arts Council now e-mail their newsletters, and the Arts Council is gearing up for an "eGranting" pilot program. The Auditor General is reducing the number of hardcopy reports printed each year, and all Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission reports are now submitted online.

The Board of Elections moved brochures and forms to a Web-access format, and the Capital Development Board is working on an online-form initiative. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority has moved all in-house publications to their Web site, and the Department of Military Affairs now requires electronic documentation of deliverables.

For this year's Illinois State Fair, the Department of Agriculture eliminated the need to print thousands of premium books by placing the books online. The State Universities Civil Service System configured all printers to default to double-sided printing, and they reduced mailings for audit documents and procedures manuals.

BY THE NUMBERS

Last November, the Department of Revenue launched an imaging program as a joint venture with the Illinois National Bank. Their aim is to convert paper tax forms to electronic images for processing. During the period from November through December 2007, the Illinois National Bank imaged 326,751 tax forms.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission is encouraging contract purchasers to apply online, and now all federal reporting to student loan lenders is sent via e-mail, eliminating the need to print 300 reports every year. The Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission migrated from a paper-based tracking system to a computerized system for case files, and two departments within the Illinois Prisoner Review Board are entirely digital.

In January, Central Management Services' Bureau of Personnel implemented Phase I of e-Recruiting, which enables individuals to search job postings and complete and submit employment applications online for certain job titles; grades for certain jobs can also be distributed

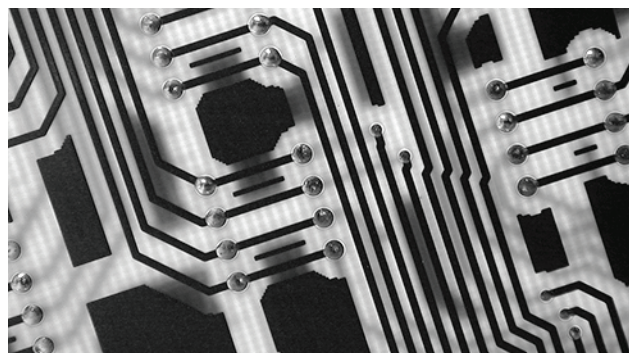
DID YOU KNOW?

UIUC Turns Waste into Cash

November 17, 2007 marked the 10th anniversary of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Waste Transfer Station operation. Over the 10-year period, the university recycled 2,500 semi-truck loads of materials, keeping 53,000 tons of waste out of the landfills and generating \$3.5 million.

online. The online employment applications reduce the need for maintenance of hard-copy applications. Phase 2 will likely reduce paper consumption even more by increasing the number of titles available for online application and further automating the hiring process.

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules is reducing paper consumption by eliminating unwanted mailings. They periodically cull their hard-copy distribution list for the Flinn Report, a weekly summary of state agencies' regulatory decisions and actions taken by the committee. They also scan and store files electronically, make copies available electronically when requested, and double-side print a portion of the monthly meeting materials distributed to committee members and staff.



SPOTLIGHT

SIUC Does RecycleMania

Southern Illinois University Carbondale received an outstanding individual award when Andilee Warner, the university's recycling and solid waste coordinator, was named the 2007 Recycler of the Year by the Illinois Recycling Association. Warner's leadership propelled SIUC as it competed in the RecycleMania contest this year, recycling 282,280 pounds in just 10 weeks for an impressive finish of 39th out of 200 universities and colleges nation-wide.

SPOTLIGHT

DCEO is a Model for Green

In celebration of Earth Week in April, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity displayed a model green office space in its Springfield headquarters—showcasing, among other things, the agency's new recycling bins, recycling processes, recycled content products, waste and source reduction, and energy conservation strategies. DCEO employees staffed the display to engage fellow employees and visitors about the various sustainability concepts presented. Another version of the display has been established in a vacant office in DCEO's Chicago location and will remain set up for the foreseeable future.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Illinois Finance Authority will move all expense reporting to a Web-based format. The Property Tax Appeal Board has plans to disseminate Petitions, Final Decisions and Orders electronically instead of on paper. They also intend to shift publication of synopses of representative cases to electronic format. Both of these changes will require revising the board's current rules.

POWER SMARTS

State agencies are taking simple steps to ensure that energy is spent wisely. Offices are powering down computers, turning off lights and using scanners—rather than printers—to share information among employees.

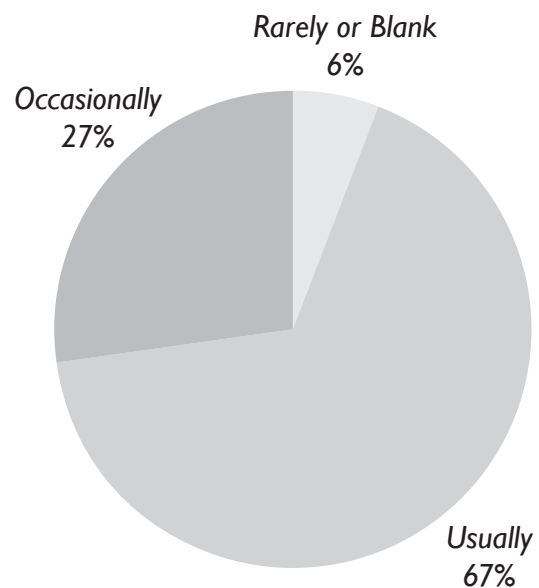
The Board of Elections boasts new printers, copiers and computers with 'sleep mode' technology; the Department on Aging implemented a policy to turn off all equipment not in use; and the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission ensures its computers go into low-power mode after a period of inactivity.

The Department of Employment Security is taking new state policies to heart by ensuring its thermostats are set no higher than 68 degrees during the day and 55 degrees at night, and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation installed new motion sensors in its hallways to ensure lights are off when nobody is around.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Illinois Commerce Commission estimates a cost savings of \$15,600 per year following the installation of new software designed to turn computers off at a pre-set time of the night.

Do agencies distribute and circulate documents electronically rather than hard copy?



SPOTLIGHT

Fire Prevention Goes Electronic

The State Fire Marshal plans to reduce the number of inspection forms used by Fire Prevention inspectors by implementing a tablet PC-based inspection application.

B. PURCHASING OF GOODS AND SERVICES

RECYCLED PRODUCTS ONLY PLEASE

From purchasing only paper that comes from sustainable forests (Illinois Department of Transportation) to developing a database that will track and flag all purchases of non-recycled items (Illinois Department of Revenue), agencies across the state are focusing their efforts on buying responsibly—and using those purchased goods efficiently.

The State Retirement Systems increased their purchases of recycled toner cartridges by five percent and recycled paper products by eight percent. The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation made sure 95% of all toner cartridges were recycled, and the State Board of Education purchased only recycled content paper products, everything from hand towels to calendars.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board purchased report covers, manila folders, green hanging folders, index tabs, pocket files, pocket folders, padded mailers, appointment books, certificates, and easel pads all made of at least 20% post-consumer recycled content, and the board is purchasing refillable ink pens to reduce the number of tossed pens.

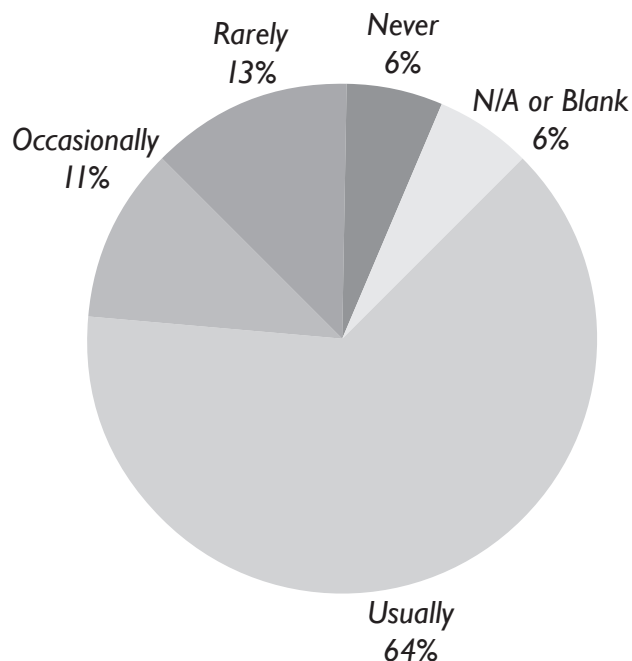
To avoid unnecessary purchases, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is keeping its office supply cabinets organized, and the Educational Labor Relations Board is making use of a supply of misprinted agency envelopes for inter-office mail.

ENERGY STAR IS KING

State agencies are doing their part to make Illinois green by updating aging equipment and purchasing new energy-efficient equipment. Across Illinois, outdated printers, copiers and fax machines are being swapped for ENERGY STAR models, and old computer monitors are being replaced with flat-screen, energy-efficient styles.

The Green Governments Coordinating Council salutes the following Illinois agencies for implementing policies to purchase ENERGY STAR-rated equipment: Board of Elections, Commerce Commission, Criminal Justice Information Authority, Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Department of Healthcare and

Do agencies buy recycled toner cartridges?



Family Services, Office of the Comptroller, State Board of Education, and State Retirement Systems. A special mention goes out to the State Universities Civil Service System, which replaced 90% of energy-consuming CRT monitors with energy-efficient LCD monitors.

BY THE NUMBERS

For fiscal year 2008, agencies reported using a total of about 9.8 million reams of copy paper, and 6.7% of that amount—just over 660 thousand reams—was recycled paper. Leading the state's drive to use more recycled paper and less virgin paper, 15 agencies report using only recycled paper, and 21 agencies use recycled paper with 30% or higher post-consumer recycled content. A number of other agencies, including the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission, plan to establish policies in the upcoming year to purchase only 30% or higher post-consumer recycled content paper.

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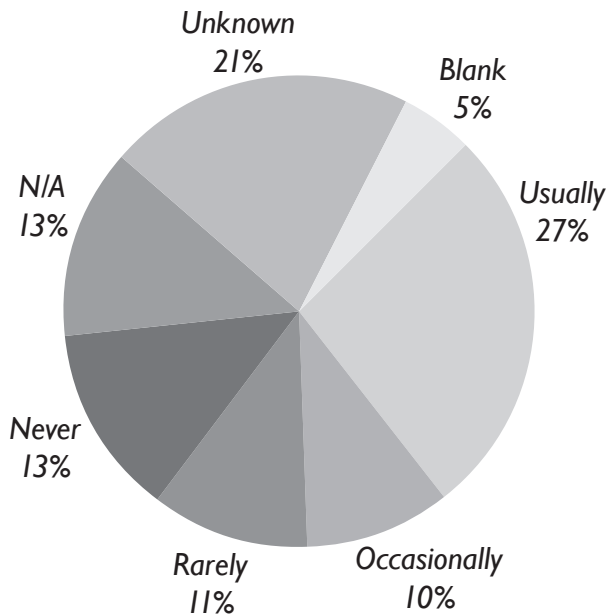
Going for that Green Sheen

Western Illinois University is in the midst of a campus-wide green cleaning revolution. This year, they increased their usage of Green Seal cleaning products by 400 gallons (a 67% increase), purchased 1200 microfiber towels, and discontinued the use of disposable cloth towels. WIU found that purchasing microfiber and rayon dust mops reduces both airborne chalk dust and the need to use oils when cleaning blackboards.

WIU also switched from single-fold paper towels to Green Seal roll towels, and replaced traditional soap dispensers in campus restrooms with foam dispensers that use a bio-renewable cleanser with 85% bio-renewable soap. WIU hopes to see an approximate 50% reduction in soap use with foam hand soap and to significantly reduce soap drippings, which require extra cleaning effort.



Do agencies buy vegetable-based inks?



GREENER AND CLEANER

Illinois agencies are reviewing their green purchasing guidelines and setting new goals to increase green cleaning. Agencies reviewing their green-cleaning policies include: Arts Council, Capital Development Board, Department of Agriculture, Department of Public Health, Finance Authority, Labor Relations Board, State Toll Highway Authority, Office of the Appellate Defender, Office of Management and Budget, and Workers' Compensation Commission.

The State Board of Education is monitoring all purchases of cleaning supplies and pest-control products to ensure compliance with their new cleaning green initiative. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission's new janitorial contractor will use only Green Seal cleaning products.

Employees of Central Management Services' Bureau of Strategic Sourcing and Procurement have taken training classes on identifying and purchasing green supplies, in order to help as more state agencies request green contracts. Through a Central Management Services contract, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity now purchases non-chemical pest control services and nontoxic glues, pastes, glue sticks and correction fluid.

SPOTLIGHT

Doing More with Less

Central Management Services' Bureau of Communications and Computer Services (BCCS) is 25% complete with a project that uses virtualization technology to achieve an eight-to-one reduction in computer servers. As a result of this project, the bureau expects to reduce power consumption by at least \$487,000. According to the International Data Corporation, eliminating 50 servers reduces greenhouse gas emissions over three years by the equivalent of 900 tons of carbon dioxide. This equates to 177 passenger cars not driven for one year or the electricity used by 105 households for one year.

The Illinois State Board of Education recently purchased three new energy-efficient computer servers that have the capability of replacing 40 obsolete servers, and, with the purchase of a new energy-efficient virtual server, the Illinois Commerce Commission consolidated four physical servers into one.

SPOTLIGHT

Old Plates Made New

The Office of the Secretary of State recently launched a license plate recycling program that allows motorists to recycle their expired plates at vehicle facilities across the state. All 136 facilities are equipped with license plate recycling bins, keeping license plates out of the landfills and ensuring that improperly discarded plates are not misused.

BY THE NUMBERS

Agencies report that, on average, 83% of their computers are ENERGY STAR models (average across 43 reporting agencies). However, when it comes to other appliances—such as coffee makers, refrigerators, and fans—only 45% are ENERGY STAR (average across 46 reporting agencies).

LOOKING AHEAD

The Illinois Department of Human Services is establishing a clause in all janitorial contracts that cleaning and pest control will be done using only non-chemical methods whenever possible. The department is also initiating a program to increase staff awareness about green cleaning supplies for general cleaning in all facilities and schools.

The University of Illinois at Chicago is planning to develop and implement a Green Procurement Policy that includes a minimum recycled content for materials and utilization of non-toxic and less toxic chemicals for cleaning, research, maintenance, and pest control. The university will compare products on the basis of life-cycle analysis.

DID YOU KNOW?

Breathing Easy

The Department of Labor aims to expand their procurement of environmentally preferable products and services this year. To accomplish this, they are increasing staff training and awareness of environmentally friendly products, and providing support for employees to attend sustainable workshops, programs and conferences. They will place special emphasis on products that can negatively affect indoor air quality, especially in office building spaces without operable windows.

BY THE NUMBERS

In 2008, Southern Illinois University Carbondale initiated purchasing 10% of its electricity from renewable sources.



C. TRANSPORTATION

DITCH THAT CAR!

State employees are taking greater advantage of public transportation, carpooling, bicycling and alternative work schedules to reduce their vehicle miles traveled.

The Illinois Arts Council reports that many of its employees bike to work, and most other staff members take public transportation. And last year, more State Board of Education employees ditched their cars and opted for taking Amtrak between Springfield and Chicago.

The Auditor General's Office, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Department of Corrections, the Emergency Management Agency and the Office of Management and Budget are carpooling to work, job sites and events. The Department of Revenue uses its intranet to encourage and facilitate shared rides, rewarding carpoolers with premium parking spaces.

The State Fire Marshal is coming up with innovative ways to save gas. In addition to Web conferencing for meetings, they plan to pre-schedule inspections for boilers, fire prevention, and underground storage tanks. This will allow them to pre-plan the most efficient routes to hit multiple destinations. They will also use GPS in state cars to calculate the most direct routes and to accurately find inspection and arson investigation sites.

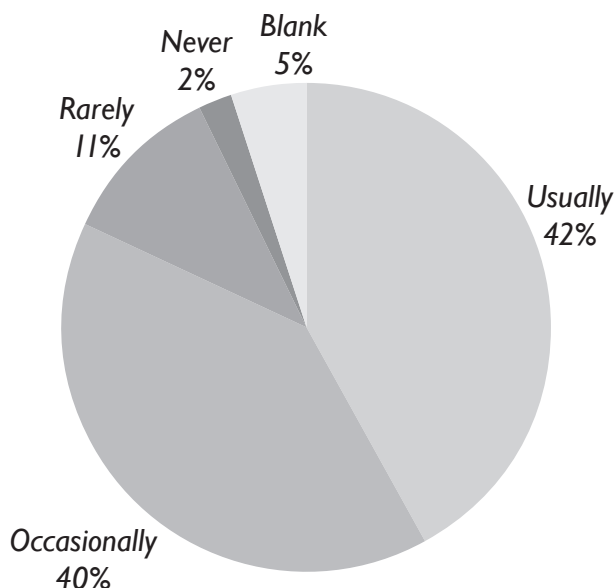
The IT staff of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission troubleshoots problems remotely to avoid travel, and the Department of Transportation has limited travel, moved some crews to four-day work weeks and reduced engine idling. The result? The department reduced fuel consumption by five percent.

SPOTLIGHT

Student-Initiated "Green Fees" at NEIU

Last year, Northeastern Illinois University students voted to pay a voluntary "green fee" each semester. Thanks to that vote, NEIU students are enjoying seven additional bike racks that provide 59 new bike-parking spaces. The green fees were also used to purchase the university's first electric vehicle.

Do agencies use video- and teleconferencing for meetings to reduce travel time and fuel use?



The Green Governments Coordinating Council salutes the following agencies for their outstanding efforts to increase the use of video- and teleconferencing: Auditor General's Office, Central Management Services, Commerce Commission, Department on Aging, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Department of Corrections, Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Department of Revenue, Department of Transportation, Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, Finance Authority, Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, State Board of Education, and State Police.

SEEKING ALTERNATIVES

When driving is unavoidable, state agencies are looking to alternatives such as hybrid and flex-fuel vehicles to keep fossil fuel consumption at a minimum.

The State Board of Education developed a tracking system to monitor the use of E85 and a quick-reference sheet for employees with all E85 station locations throughout the state. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority also provide E85 station maps.

BY THE NUMBERS

Thirty-six state agencies—including the Department of Corrections and the Illinois State Police—reported monitoring their vehicle miles traveled. These agencies recorded a combined total of nearly 90.5 million vehicle miles traveled over the past year. Without public transportation, this number would be significantly higher! On average, 26% of employees use public transportation, carpooling, biking, walking, or other forms of non-motorized transportation (average across 32 reporting agencies).

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is working with Central Management Services on a new contract to purchase higher soy-oil concentrations in diesel fuel and has started using synthetic motor oils in all of its gasoline-powered vehicles to reduce petroleum oil purchases.

The Department of Human Services increased its usage of E85 by 10% and purchased four new flex-fuel vehicles, while the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency purchased 38,843 gallons of E85 last year.

Central Management Services' Division of Vehicles is hard at work tracking agency fleet utilization and developing new contracts to facilitate the purchasing of fuel-efficient vehicles. The Green Governments Coordinating Council congratulates the Capital Development Board for adding its first hybrid vehicle to its fleet and the Prisoner Review Board for purchasing six new E85 vehicles.

UIUC ordered three new hybrid utility vehicles and will soon purchase 24 hybrids for its passenger fleet. And

while the Campus Mail, the Paint Shop and the Locksmith Shop are driving gas-powered vehicles, the pilot Mini-Trucks that the university is testing sport smaller engines that achieve 20 to 30 miles per gallon.

UIUC is seeing results from its new fuel tracking system, which enables Facilities & Services to download detailed information about each vehicle's fuel consumption. This has allowed crews to pinpoint problems and reduce idling in an effort to conserve fuel.

BY THE NUMBERS

Central Management Services, CMS Division of Vehicles and the Illinois Tollway teamed up to recycle a combined total of 30,743 gallons of used oil in FY08.

LOOKING AHEAD

Northern Illinois University is developing an underground E85 tank to be used for NIU flex-fuel vehicles.

The Department of Human Rights is looking into several ways to reduce the time their investigators spend on the road. They are working with Central Management Services to explore video- and teleconferencing instead of driving and determine carpooling feasibility.

The Office of the Attorney General is initiating steps to ensure timely tune-ups, preventative maintenance schedules, and inspections that will allow vehicles to perform at optimal levels. They will also check tire pressure regularly to ensure good fuel mileage. Budget permitting, the office plans to establish a replacement cycle for aging vehicles and require replacement vehicles to be flex-fuel compliant.

SPOTLIGHT

UIUC Powers Up its Green Fleet

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign added two e-ride utility trucks to its service fleet, which already boasts eight Global Electric Motorcars. The e-ride utility trucks can haul about 1,200 pounds of cargo and are powered by eight-volt batteries that don't produce the ozone-depleting emissions of gas-powered trucks and don't require hazardous chemicals such as antifreeze and oil.

DID YOU KNOW?

On the Right Track

In April 2007, 21% of the state's vehicle fleet was biodiesel, 16% was E85 and 0.10% was hybrid. Today, 22% of the state's fleet is biodiesel, 20% is E85 and 0.40% is hybrid. Illinois is well on its way to reaching the goal of 22% biodiesel, 27% E85 and 2% hybrid by June 30, 2010.

D. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

CONSERVING ENERGY AND WATER

The Illinois Green Governments Coordinating Council is proud to report that state agencies are going the extra mile to reduce energy consumption.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission converted an eight-ton spot air conditioner to a five-ton unit, reducing electrical consumption and increasing efficiency.

The Illinois Department of Corrections swapped all its light bulbs for the energy-efficient variety, and the Illinois Department of Agriculture is in the process of replacing all the light bulbs in its 171 buildings with energy-efficient bulbs. The Board of Higher Education also changed all incandescent light bulbs to fluorescent light bulbs, and they are in the process of locating a local vendor to recycle fluorescent bulbs going forward.

The Department of Employment Security now applies a special liquid membrane to the surface of all flat roofs in its newly leased offices. The membrane conserves energy by lowering heat absorption and reduces costs by extending the life of the roof.

The State Board of Education is enjoying new faucets, toilets, and sinks in restrooms throughout its Springfield office, all with automatic sensors to conserve water.

LOOKING AHEAD

The University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign is actively repairing, replacing and upgrading utility meters in approximately 85 campus buildings. At the end of the project, UIUC will rely on dependable utility metering in buildings that make up 90% of the university's annual energy consumption.

BY THE NUMBERS

Four percent of the Illinois state government's non-lighting electricity load purchased by Central Management Services is now generated by the wind.

SPOTLIGHT

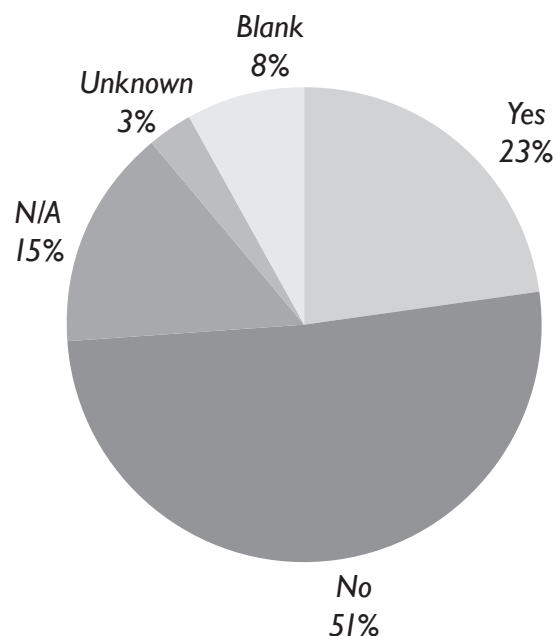
From Gardens to Graffiti, GSU Goes Green

Using grants from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, Governors State University was able to replace its high-wattage lamps with a more energy-efficient variety that consumes 154,000 less watts. The university also installed motion sensors.

When rehabbing its restrooms, GSU recycled 140 sinks, toilets and urinals, and, when repairing a wall in the Center for Performing Arts, the university recycled 1,500 pounds of copper and aluminum. The university also recycled 1,800 square yards of carpet and used non-aerosol, soy- and corn-based remover to clear walls of graffiti.

The university recycles 50,000 gallons of clean waste water each year from its boiler's reverse osmosis system, using the water for the cooling tower and swimming pool. And thanks to a grant from the Lt. Governor's Office, Governors State University installed a new rain garden.

Have agencies conducted an energy audit of their facilities?



CONSERVING SPACE

Why create new space when there is plenty of old space to go around? Central Management Services' Bureau of Property Management recently completed a thorough analysis of state property, pinpointing underutilized space in an effort to consolidate leases and avoid new construction. Preliminary estimates show a potential to reduce or consolidate space by 20% statewide!

The Illinois State Police took matters into their own hands, reducing the number and cost of leased facilities by consolidating several locations into one central headquarters.

LOOKING AHEAD

Based on the findings from more than 100 facility assessments, the Department of Transportation is developing a Web-based Environmental Management System that will be used by all facilities and labs to help maintain efficiency standards. The system will ultimately allow the department to relocate to a more sustainable transportation facility.

SPOTLIGHT

Rooted in Sustainability

Western Illinois University extends its sustainability priorities to outdoor campus areas. Students, faculty, and staff planted 2,500 native perennials as part of a volunteer *We Care* program to restore a half-acre prairie site on campus. The staff also fertilized 10 acres of athletic fields with a 100% organic product.

WIU purchased an in-vessel composting tub to accelerate decomposition of waste vegetation generated on campus. The tub will significantly improve compost quality and can process 40 to 150 pounds of biomass per day.

Sustainable grounds maintenance doesn't end with the first snowfall. Last winter, WIU successfully employed a sugar beet-based additive to salt for deicing. The sugar beet deicer can also be used as a liquid pre-treatment to help prevent icy slicks on concrete sidewalks. The bio-based sustainable deicer speeds up melting time and hinders adhesion of the ice to concrete surfaces, thus reducing labor costs to scoop or remove snow.

BY THE NUMBERS

Southern Illinois University Carbondale reduced electricity consumption on its main campus by 450,155 kWh and water consumption by 3.4 million gallons.

IT'S THE SIMPLE THINGS

Sometimes it's as simple as pulling the blinds to ensure buildings stay cool. That's why building engineers at the State Board of Education are taking the extra step of walking the floors to ensure blinds are closed. The Department of Revenue is on board with this simple energy saver, ensuring blinds are shut on the sunny side of its building during the summer months, and so is the Attorney General's Office, closing blinds after hours and on weekends to save energy.

The Department of Natural Resources is using wood chips from felled trees for trails and plant beds. The department is also reducing the number of acres mowed, phasing out leaf burning and using compost for fertilizer instead of chemical-based fertilizer.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission is making use of strategic landscaping to conserve water and reduce costs, and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville initiated an invasive species survey and control program.

DID YOU KNOW?

Upgrading Boilers and Air Quality

The Illinois Department of Military Affairs and the Illinois Army National Guard have shown their commitment to improving regional air quality through the implementation of energy efficiency projects. Over the past few years, the Guard has upgraded its boilers at several facilities. These projects have resulted in lower natural gas usage, reductions in air pollution, and savings of nearly \$19,000 per year in natural gas costs.

The Guard has quantified the emission reductions from the boiler replacement projects at its Joliet and Elgin facilities in order to support Clean Air Counts. Clean Air Counts is a northeastern Illinois regional initiative to reduce smog causing emissions, thereby improving air quality and enabling economic development.

E. CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION

WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD GREEN

Agencies and universities across Illinois are teaming up to develop and streamline green building practices.

The Green Building Advisory Committee is tasked with assisting the Capital Development Board in developing green building guidelines for all state buildings. The new guidelines ensure that construction and major renovation of buildings over 10,000 square feet will attain at least LEED Silver certification.

The Capital Development Board has 10 projects in the works where builders are pursuing certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or the U.S. Army's SPiRiT program. Most are expected to achieve LEED Silver, and the renovation of the University of Illinois' Lincoln Hall is slated to reach Gold.

The Smart Energy Design Assistance Center, managed by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's School of Architecture and sponsored by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, continues to provide advice and analyses that enable private and public facilities in Illinois to increase their economic viability through the efficient use of energy resources.

The Illinois Gaming Board is working to ensure that the construction or modification of casino properties does not adversely affect the environmental quality of

DID YOU KNOW?

Spinning Up Power

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is installing a 1.5 megawatt wind turbine on the campus South Farms. The project includes a utility-scale wind turbine that will demonstrate a working wind farm for agricultural use and for student/faculty research and education. Once completed, this facility will be one of the first university-owned wind farms in the United States. Campus facilities will use 100% of the electricity generated. The energy will feed directly into the electric distribution system and will supply approximately 1% of campus electricity.

SPOTLIGHT

Office Location Matters

Central Management Services' Bureau of Property Management conducted a thorough review of parking policies and business practices related to parking, especially in metropolitan areas served by multiple modes of public transportation. The net effect of the study was a reduction in parking leases and costs associated with parking. Future follow-up research will focus on the procurement process for leased property, and defining specific public transportation requirements in tandem with the parking requirements driven by new policies.

surrounding locations. Currently, the board is receiving bids for the 10th riverboat gaming license. Although the board is not required by law to consider environmental issues in awarding this license, it will be cognizant of these concerns, as it was during the relocation of the Rock Island Casino.

In that instance, the board's staff worked with the Conservancy District, the Sierra Club, and the Rock Island Casino ownership to formulate a construction plan that avoided any possibility of wetland contamination. The Board's efforts resulted in an agreement that satisfied both the environmental organizations and the casino ownership.

SEEING RESULTS

The State Board of Education used green practices in its recent reconfiguration of its Springfield office. All scrap metal, aluminum and carpet was recycled and a fresh coat of environmentally friendly paint was applied.

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is now using at least 10% more reclaimed asphalt pavement in its hot-mix asphalt for full-depth paving, shoulders and overlays.

The Department of Human Services is installing a green roof at its Choate Developmental Center, and the Department of Corrections added solar panels to some facilities, and installed new roofs with reflective coating and recycled construction materials.

SPOTLIGHT

Going for the Gold

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is nearing completion of its Business Instructional Facility that will seek LEED Gold certification. The facility is expected to consume as much as 75% less energy than older campus buildings by combining green design principles with innovative, high-performance building systems.

Important design elements include:

- High indoor air quality and ventilation,
- Three inches of insulation and triple-pane windows,
- A solar photovoltaic array on the auditorium roof expected to produce five to seven percent of the building's electrical energy requirements,
- High quality construction materials and finishes produced with low embodied energy,
- Native and drought resistant landscaping and extensive green roofs,
- Low-flush urinals and raw water toilet flushing, and
- Diversion of a minimum of 75% of construction, demolition and land-clearing waste.

The Illinois State Police is designing a new laboratory that will maximize the use of natural lighting, and Southern Illinois University Carbondale completed the design for its Transportation Education Center that will seek LEED Silver certification.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Capital Development Board will soon complete its curriculum for green building training and will hit the road, offering half-day sessions for contractors across the state. The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency will renovate the Lincoln Tomb to include a geothermal heating and cooling system, and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority will soon adopt a new finishing method for concrete pavement surfaces that minimizes tire noise without sacrificing safety.

DID YOU KNOW?

Top This!

Illinois universities are leading the pack in installing new, energy-efficient roof technologies. Both green roofs, which are covered with plant materials, and white roofs, which are covered with a light-colored membrane, serve to reduce air-conditioning costs and minimize the “urban heat island” effect. The University of Illinois at Chicago has installed six cool roofs to date, and Eastern Illinois University has installed three.

BY THE NUMBERS

The Green Governments Coordinating Council tips its green cap to seven state agencies and educational institutions that installed wind, solar or geothermal energy systems in the past year: Central Management Services, Governors State University, Historic Preservation Agency, Northern Illinois University, Rend Lake College, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and University of Illinois at Chicago.



F. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

INTER-OFFICE MEMOS GO GREEN

Illinois agencies are working together with state employees to coordinate green efforts throughout operations, proving along the way that a happy office is a green office.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission created an intranet site with green tips, a sustainability plan, links to relevant green resources, and an e-mail for green suggestions and communications. The commission also created divisional subcommittees to assess, plan and implement green projects.

The State Board of Education created a GoGreen Web site available to all agency staff through the intranet. The site includes the office's sustainability plan, an environmental tips page and a GoGreen e-mail address that encourages staff to submit green ideas. The office's Green Committee conducts a quarterly meeting to review and respond to all employee suggestions submitted through to the GoGreen site.

The Department of Transportation also hosts an intranet site highlighting carpooling options, E85 station locations and helpful green resources for employees. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity created an internal Web site that outlines the department's sustainability plan, lists energy-saving ideas for the home and workplace, and sends a monthly green-tips list to employees.

DID YOU KNOW?

Small but Mighty

The Illinois Civil Service Commission may be small—only four full-time employees—but they're promoting sustainability in a big way! They post reminder signs in the break and copy rooms to encourage recycling, printing on both sides of paper, and other sustainability ideas. Three office bulletin boards currently display articles about how to recycle, the benefits of buying and eating local produce, ratings for low- and no-VOC paints, and solar energy. The commission will rotate these signs and articles, and solicit ideas from employees on new sustainability topics.

SPOTLIGHT

Working Across Agencies

Seventy staff members of the Auditor General's Office were all ears for a presentation from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity on recycling in January. Some even listened in from Chicago via conference call. Now that's teaming up to be green!

The Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission is getting in on the e-mail action by sending employees green tips. The Illinois Commerce Commission has a bulletin board of articles on recycling and other green practices, including solar energy and low-VOC paints.

The Illinois Lottery knows a jackpot when it sees one. Since their office is located downtown in the city, they are encouraging employees to take public transportation whenever possible. Communications include reminders that public transportation is usually quicker, more convenient, and more cost efficient than driving.

In April, the Housing Development Authority launched recycling for plastic and glass bottles. To maximize the benefit of their new program, they are now conducting outreach to encourage employees to recycle all bottles.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale organized a Sustainability Advisory Group and identified a continuing budget of \$50,000 per year for sustainability initiatives. The university signed the Illinois Sustainable University Compact and joined a wind power initiative.

The Environmental Council of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign helps build the university's capacity for leadership in environmental discovery, learning, and public engagement. The UIUC Student Sustainability Committee selects projects to be funded from two student fees: the \$5 Sustainable Campus Environment fee and the \$2 Cleaner Energy Technologies fee.

The Illinois Finance Authority created the *Choices Matter: Green News You Can Use* employee newsletter. In association with the Adopt-A-Street program in Springfield, the Office of the Auditor General held a cleanup in the fall of 2007 and the spring of 2008 on Ash Street between MacArthur and Martin Luther King Drive.

TRACKING ACTION

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine is manually tracking energy and utility usage for all occupied buildings to establish baseline data for measuring future improvements. To enhance their knowledge of green building management practices that could reduce future utility usage, they are preparing a staff member for LEED Professional Accreditation.

The Office of the Comptroller is setting a high standard for agencies seeking to track their environmental impacts. Thanks to their successful monitoring of metrics, they were able to report that they used 1,922,250 gallons of water; 2,356,922 kWh of electricity; and 36,095 therms of natural gas in 2007. That same year, they purchased 370,141 pounds of paper products and generated 1,125 yards of waste. They are currently reviewing historical records in order to accurately analyze savings from recent building energy efficiency improvements and quantify savings from paper reduction efforts.

BEYOND THE CUBICLE

The Green Governments Coordinating Council is especially proud of state agencies that are reaching out to local businesses and the public, such as the Department of Transportation, which provides brochures at public rest areas concerning fuel conservation and green initiatives.

SPOTLIGHT

Spread the Green Word

The Chairman of the Pollution Control Board sent an e-mail to all employees notifying them of the board's efforts to reduce paper consumption by duplex printing, distributing documents electronically, posting forms and articles to the intranet, and printing only when necessary. Staff members receive a daily e-mail with environment-related articles.

The board's information technology department is in the process of upgrading the e-mail system so that a universal signature will be included automatically on all e-mails: "Green Government—Save Trees. Print only when necessary."

The Illinois Finance Authority provided financial assistance to BlackHawk Biofuels, LLC, new owners of the Danville biodiesel plant. As part of a \$19.8 million state financing package, the authority renewed its \$15 million loan guarantee, increasing the opportunity for the plant to open on schedule, operate profitably, and retain jobs.

The Illinois Finance Authority also provided financial assistance in the form of a \$30 million solid waste disposal bond to Rochelle's Illinois River Energy, LLC, helping to finance expansion, and the acquisition and installation of machinery and equipment.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign joined with the University of California, Berkeley and the Berkeley National Laboratory to form the Energy Biosciences Institute. Funding for the Institute is part of a \$500 million research program announced by the energy company, BP.

As part of the project, 340 acres of farmland at the Urbana campus will be devoted to the study and production of feedstock for biofuel production. Researchers will explore the potential benefits of using corn crop residues, switch grass, miscanthus, and other herbaceous perennials as fuel sources.

FUN FACT

Sailing on Green Seas

For the Illinois State Fair parade, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency constructed a float in the shape of a pirate ship—made entirely of recyclable materials!

ALL THE WAY TO THE FAIR

An employee at the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission is showing how a green idea can make a big difference. The employee suggested that residents at the Choate Mental Health Center might like to assist with a new recycling effort at the DuQuoin State Fair. Thanks to this employee's idea—and the hard work of several key facilitators in the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Human Services, and Central Management Services—the fair has plastic and aluminum recycling this year for the very first time!

In the first pick-up load, program coordinators recovered over 290 cubic feet of recyclable materials that would otherwise end up in a local landfill. They anticipate two more comparable loads before the close of the fair. In addition to reducing landfill waste, this recycling effort serves to educate every fairgoer about the value of our limited natural resources.

LOOKING AHEAD

Illinois State University, one of the first Illinois universities to have a full-time sustainability coordinator, is going the extra mile to create a comprehensive sustainability plan that reflects input from all campus constituents. This past spring, they conducted a campus-wide survey of environmental attitudes. The analysis of survey results helped inform ISU's Green Team of the environmental issues that the plan must address.

The Green Team developed a draft of the plan to present to the ISU community for comments this fall, and elements of it will be incorporated into ISU President Al Bowman's Annual State of the University Address. ISU expects to finalize their sustainability plan by November this year.

DID YOU KNOW?

It Pays to e-File

The 2.7 million taxpayers who filed their IL-1040 electronically in 2007 did not need the Department of Revenue to send them hard-copy IL-1040 tax booklets for the 2008 filing season. This saved 71 million sheets of papers, not to mention the reduction in mail and printing costs.

To continue with this e-filing trend, the Department of Revenue launched two marketing campaigns during the 2008 filing season, called: "Make Life Less Taxing, File Electronically" and "It's Your Refund, Get It Fast, Get It All."

The department worked to get the word out to the public through print, television and radio outlets, and, as a result of those efforts, received more than 3.1 million electronic individual income tax returns in 2008—more than half of the submitted returns!

SPOTLIGHT

Bringing Prairies Back to the Prairie State

Students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are learning about environmental design while providing green spaces for the community. As part of a Restoration Ecology class, students designed a campus urban prairie with assistance from Facilities & Services.

The prairie will incorporate educational and recreational spaces for students and the community. With a seasonal planting plan to ensure flower and color, the prairie will cultivate opportunities for research, education, and recreation. Within five years, prairie habitat indicative of historic Illinois prairies will boast 95% native species.



IV. CONCLUSION

As the Green Governments Coordinating Council embarks on its second year under the Green Governments Illinois Act, it seeks to improve and expand upon the programs initiated in fiscal year 2008.

The Council will continue providing coordination across state agencies with the fiscal, procurement, educational, resource management, and environmental expertise to develop and implement sound sustainability policies and programs throughout Illinois. The Council's quarterly meetings and subcommittee meetings enable communication among these agencies, facilitating collaboration, pooling of resources, and replication of successful initiatives.

Through the network of agency Green Teams and liaisons established this year, the Council is able to disseminate educational resources, training opportunities, and reference materials on sustainable practices. The Council aims to leverage this network further over the next year to increase adoption of green information technology solutions, alternative transportation options, and environmentally friendly cleaning methods.

Go Green Planning Pro, the Council's Web-based sustainability planning application, allowed the Council to capture and analyze sustainability metrics this past year for the first time; however, the application has room for many enhancements. The Council plans to revamp the application in fiscal year 2009, making the overall look and feel more intuitive to users. Revisions will also streamline the performance-tracking and goal-setting features, and add the ability to calculate savings from efficiency measures – both in terms of dollars and carbon emissions.

Efforts to improve sustainability planning and reporting extend beyond state agencies. This year, the Council will boost outreach to local governments and educational institutions – including universities, colleges, and K-12 schools – encouraging them to participate in the Council's existing symposium series and compact programs, as well as new online sustainability planning applications tailored to their capabilities.

The Council's Web site, www.GreenSolutions.il.gov, serves as a key interface between Council leaders and liaisons throughout state agencies, local governments, and educational institutions. With additional interactive features, more informative articles, and improved navigation, the Web site will become an even better resource for Illinois individuals and organizations pursuing their own green initiatives.

Illinois state government is one of the largest consumers of resources, goods, and services in the state, and with these activities comes a vital opportunity for stewardship. The Green Governments Coordinating Council is proud to play a leadership role in enhancing the sustainability of state operations, whether through the expansion of green purchasing, recycling services, or renewable energy technologies.

By promoting stronger protection and more responsible use of our state's natural resources, the Council will continue to honor its mission of helping Illinois transition to a more sustainable future.

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